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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re the Application of:

Jung-gug PAE, et al.

Serial No. 10/022,836

Group Art Unit: 2652

Confirmation No. 1469

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Examiner: Unassigned

For: OPTICAL PICKUP AND METHOD OF ASSEMBLYING THE OPTICAL PICKUP

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Before examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

At page 6, paragraph [0024], please add the following sentence at the end of the paragraph:

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--The different amount of stiffness of the supports 271 and 272 can be generated in different ways, for example, by providing the elastic supports 271 and 272 to be of different thicknesses with respect to each other (see FIG. 8, where the supports 272 are illustrated as being thicker than the supports 271). It is to be noted that varying the stiffness of the supports by providing different thicknesses of the supports, is for illustration purposes only, and is not limited thereto.--

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please ADD new claims 17 and 18 in accordance with the following:

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